

## DISTRICT 2 – COAL MINE NEAR MISS

On October 26, 2015 a miner was found unresponsive near the stageloader of a longwall section. The miner had been operating the stageloader from a seated position and was discovered lying on the mine floor. Crew members administered medical oxygen and attached the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the miner. Following the instructions provided by the AED a shock was provided. After placing the patient on a stretcher, another shock was provided. The unresponsive miner was transported out of the mine and flown to a nearby hospital for treatment. The patient fully recovered in the hospital from a heart related illness.



### Best Practices

- Assure that all required first aid equipment is provided in the workplace.
- Maintain first aid equipment in proper working condition.
- Protect first aid equipment from damage in the workplace.
- Be familiar with the location and use of first aid equipment.
- Train miners in first aid.

